



**JUSTICE CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE JUSTICE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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505 KAR 1:120
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I. POLICY

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall provide preventive health care services including immunizations, testing for communicable disease, general health monitoring, hygiene, and health education.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to group homes and youth development centers and shall govern the actions of detention centers in complying with applicable sections of DJJPP Chapter 7 (Intake, Reception, and Orientation and Health Services).

LIMITED APPLICABILITY

In day treatment programs, proof of immunization shall be required within 30 program days of admission. Youth shall be released to the parent for appropriate medical attention if proof is not provided within the stated timeframe. An immunization certificate from an attending physician or health care provider shall be required for readmission into the program. Exceptions require the approval of the Medical Director.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Immunizations

1. Youth shall be immunized according to Kentucky Revised Statutes within 30 days of admission to a DJJ program. When a youth enters a DJJ

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residential program the Registered Nurse or designee shall obtain the youth's immunization record. Original certificates shall be transferred to the school office. A copy shall be maintained in the medical record.

2. If it is determined that a youth's immunization series is not complete, the Registered Nurse or designee shall ensure that all necessary vaccines are received by the youth.
3. When immunization records are not available, and all efforts to obtain these records have failed, the youth shall begin a new immunization series.
4. Dates of previous immunizations shall be included on the immunization certificate.
5. A pregnancy test shall be completed on all females before any immunization is given.

B. Communicable Diseases

1. When a youth enters a DJJ facility, the Registered Nurse or designee shall administer a tuberculosis skin test unless the youth is a known reactor or indicates that there has been an abnormal reaction to the skin test in the past. In this case, the Registered Nurse or designee shall research the skin test history.
2. A scheduled series of three Hepatitis B vaccines shall be initiated or completed on all youth in DJJ residential treatment programs.

C. General Health Monitoring

1. The Registered Nurse or designee shall weigh each youth at least monthly.
2. The Registered Nurse or designee shall perform vision and hearing screening on each youth within thirty (30) days of admission.
3. The Registered Nurse or designee shall schedule each youth for an annual dental checkup.

D. Personal Hygiene

1. The Registered Nurse or designee shall provide personal hygiene instruction upon admission. The information shall be included in the resident handbook and reinforced as needed by facility staff.
2. Youth shall be afforded daily opportunity for personal hygiene. Personal hygiene products shall be provided or available to the youth upon admission and as necessary thereafter to include soap; comb; soft, round-bristled toothbrush; toothpaste; deodorant; toilet tissue; and sanitary napkins and tampons, when necessary. Shaving equipment shall be available when needed; dispensing, use and supervision of shaving equipment shall be conducted in accordance with facility standard

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operating procedures for security. A tub or shower with hot and cold running water shall be available. Each facility shall provide an approved shower schedule that allows daily showers and showers after strenuous exercise.

3. Staff shall document personal hygiene items given to youth.
4. Laundry services shall be available at least weekly.
5. Hair care services that are culturally appropriate shall be provided by a licensed provider and available for all youth as needed. Level V Youth Development Centers as well as secure detention facilities shall make arrangements for on-site services. Equipment used to provide hair care services shall be inventoried, sanitized and stored securely when not in use.

E. Health Education

1. The Registered Nurse in residential treatment facilities shall teach or coordinate health education.
2. Subjects for health education shall include oral and personal hygiene including skin, nail and foot care; nutrition; sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) including HIV/AIDs; tuberculosis and other communicable diseases; the use and danger of self-medication; family planning including, as appropriate, both services and referrals; physical fitness; and chronic diseases and disabilities as may relate to individual youth.
3. Written documentation shall be maintained relating to the health education and personal hygiene instruction given to youth.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the Registered Nurse, the Superintendent, the Quality Assurance Branch, and the Medical Director or designee.